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BOARD	Board Member Size	BOARD COMPOSITION	NUMBER OF LICENSEES	TERM
Alternative Health Care	6 Members	2 persons from each of the health care professions regulated by the board who have been actively engaged in the practice of their respective professions for at least 3 years preceding appointment to the board (2 Midwives and 2 Naturopathic Physicians) 1 public member who is not a member of a profession regulated by the board; and 1 member who is a Montana physician whose practice includes obstetrics. The members must have been residents of this state for at least 3 years before appointment to the board.	20 Midwives 67 Naturopaths 9 Midwife Apprentices	All members shall serve staggered 4-year terms. The governor may remove a member from the board for neglect of a duty required by law, for incompetency, or for unprofessional or dishonorable conduct.
Chiropractors	4 Members	3 members must be practicing chiropractors of integrity and ability who are residents of this state and who have practiced chiropractic continuously in this state for at least 1 year. No two members may be graduates of the same school or college of chiropractic. 1 member must be a representative of the public who is not engaged in the practice of chiropractic.	552 Chiropractors	Each member shall serve for a term of 3 years. No member may be appointed for more than two consecutive terms.
Clinical Lab Science Practitioners	5 Members	The board is composed of five members who have been residents of this state for at least 2 years prior to appointment and who are actively engaged in their respective practices. 1 physician who is qualified to direct a high complexity laboratory as provided for in the federal clinical laboratory regulations set forth in 42 CFR part 493. 3 clinical laboratory science practitioners who, except for the initial appointments, hold active licenses as clinical laboratory science practitioners in Montana. 1 public member who is not associated with or financially interested in the practice of clinical laboratory science.	733 Clinical Lab Scientists 31 Clinical Lab Specialists 96 Clinical Lab Technicians	Members shall serve 4-year terms. A member may not serve more than two consecutive terms.
Dentistry	10 Members	5 dentists 1 dentist 2 dental hygienists 2 two public members, one of whom must be a senior citizen.	676 Dentists 15 Denturists 603 Dental Hygienists	Each member shall serve for a term of 5 years.

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Funeral Service	6 Members	Each licensed member must be licensed to practice as a dentist, dentist, or dental hygienist in this state, must have actively practiced in this state for at least 5 continuous years immediately before the member's appointment, and must be actively engaged in practice while serving on the board and be a resident of this state. 3 members must be licensed morticians 1 member must be a representative of the public who is not engaged in the practice of mortuary science or funeral directing. 1 member must be a licensed crematory operator or crematory technician or a mortician who is engaged in a crematory operation. 1 member must be a representative of a crematory company governed by Title 37, chapter 19, part 8.	29 Crematory 30 Crematory Technician 72 Crematory Operators 215 Morticians 81 Mortuary 14 Branch Facility 9 Crematory, Privately Owned	Board members shall serve staggered 5-year terms.
Hearing Aid Dispensers	7 Members	1 member who shall hold or be eligible for a certificate of qualification from the American board of otolaryngology; 2 members, each of whom has been a licensed hearing aid dispenser for at least 5 years, possesses national certification in audiology, and has a master's level college degree; 2 members, each of whom does not hold a master's level college degree in audiology but has been a licensed dispenser and fitter of hearing aids for at least 5 years before being appointed to the board; 2 public members, each of whom is not in the hearing health field and one of whom regularly uses a hearing aid because the person has a demonstrated hearing impairment.	91 Hearing Aid Dispensers	Each member shall serve for a term of 3 years. A member may not be reappointed within 1 year after the expiration of the member's second consecutive full term.
Licensed Addiction Counselors	6 Members	This program has six advisory council members.	548 Licensed Addiction Counselors	

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Medical Examiners	11 Members	<p>5 members having the degree of doctor of medicine; 1 member having the degree of doctor of osteopathy; 1 member who is a licensed podiatrist; 1 member who is a licensed nutritionist; 1 member who is a licensed physician assistant; and 2 members of the general public who are not medical practitioners.</p> <p>The members having the degree of doctor of medicine may not be from the same county. Each member must be a citizen of the United States. Each member, except for public members, must have been licensed and must have practiced medicine or dietetics-nutrition in this state for at least 5 years and must have been a resident of this state for at least 5 years.</p>	<p>141 Acupuncturists 4,265 EMTs 322 Physician Assistant 55 Podiatrists 230 Nutritionist 3,644 Medical Doctors 202 Doctor of Osteopathy</p>	<p>Members shall serve staggered 4-year terms. A term commences on September 1 of each year of appointment.</p>
Nursing	9 Members	<p>4 registered professional nurses, of whom at least one must have had at least 5 years in administrative, teaching, or supervisory experience in one or more schools of nursing, at least one must be an advanced practice registered nurse, at least one must be engaged in nursing practice in a rural health care facility, and at least one must be currently engaged in the administration, supervision, or provision of direct client care. Each member who is a registered professional nurse must:</p> <p>(i) be a graduate of an approved school of nursing; (ii) be a licensed registered professional nurse in this state; (iii) have had at least 5 years' experience in nursing following graduation; and (iv) be currently engaged in the practice of professional nursing and have practiced for at least 5 years.</p> <p>3 practical nurses. Each must:</p> <p>(i) be a graduate of a school of practical nursing; (ii) be a licensed practical nurse in this state; (iii) have had at least 5 years' experience as a practical nurse; (iv) be currently engaged in the practice of practical nursing and have practiced for at least 5 years.</p> <p>2 members who are not medical practitioners, involved in the practice of nursing or employment of nursing, or administrators of Montana health care facilities.</p> <p>All members must have been residents of this state for at least 1 year before appointment and must be citizens of the United States.</p>	<p>12,830 RNS 3,512 LPNs</p>	<p>All members shall serve staggered 4-year terms, and a member may not be appointed for more than two consecutive terms.</p>

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Nursing Home Administrators	5 Members	<p>No more than 2 members may be nursing home administrators. 1 member shall represent the public at large and must be 55 years of age or older at the time of appointment.</p> <p>2 members must be representatives of professions or institutions concerned with the care of chronically ill and infirm aged patients and may not be from the same profession or have a financial interest in a nursing home.</p> <p>The director of the department of public health and human services or the director's designee is an ex officio, nonvoting member of the board.</p> <p>3 occupational therapists licensed under Title 37, Chapter 24, who are actively engaged in the practice or teaching of occupational therapy; and</p> <p>2 members of the general public with an interest in the rights of the consumers of health services.</p>	228 Nursing Home Administrators	Each appointed member shall serve for a term of 5 years. Any vacancy occurring in the position of an appointive member must be filled by the governor for the unexpired term.
Occupational Therapy	5 Members		295 Occupational Therapists 72 Occupational Therapy Assistants	Members shall serve staggered 4-year terms. A term begins on the first day of the calendar year and ends on the last day of the calendar year or when a successor is appointed. A member who has served two successive complete terms is not eligible for reappointment until after 1 year.
Optometry	4 Members	<p>3 members must be registered optometrists of this state and actually engaged in the exclusive practice of optometry in this state during their terms of office.</p> <p>1 member must be a representative of the public who is not engaged in the practice of optometry.</p>	267 Optometrists	Members shall serve staggered 4-year terms.
Pharmacy	6 Members	<p>3 members must be licensed pharmacists</p> <p>1 member must be a registered pharmacy technician</p> <p>2 members must be from the general public.</p> <p>Each licensed pharmacist member must have graduated and received the first professional undergraduate degree from the school of pharmacy of the university of Montana-Missoula or from an accredited pharmacy degree program that has been approved by the board. Each licensed pharmacist member must have at least 5 consecutive years of practical experience as a pharmacist immediately before appointment to the board. A licensed pharmacist member who, during the member's term of office, ceases to be actively engaged in the practice of pharmacy in this state must be automatically disqualified from membership on the board.</p>	1,623 Pharmacists 272 Pharmacy Interns 1,258 Pharmacies 816 Technicians 182 Technicians in training	Members shall serve staggered 5-year terms. A member may not serve more than two consecutive full terms. For the purposes of this section, an appointment to fill an unexpired term does not constitute a full term.

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		<p>A registered pharmacy technician member must have at least 5 consecutive years of practical experience as a pharmacy technician immediately before appointment to the board. A registered pharmacy technician member who, during the member's term of office, ceases to be actively engaged as a pharmacy technician in this state must be automatically disqualified from membership on the board.</p> <p>Each public member of the board must be a resident of the state and may not be or ever have been:</p> <p>(i) a member of the profession of pharmacy or the spouse of a member of the profession of pharmacy;</p> <p>(ii) a person having any material financial interest in the providing of pharmacy services; or</p> <p>(iii) a person who has engaged in any activity directly related to the practice of pharmacy.</p>			
Physical Therapy	5 Members	<p>3 physical therapists licensed under Title 37, chapter 11, who have been actively engaged in the practice of physical therapy for the 3 years preceding appointment to the board;</p> <p>1 physician licensed under Title 37, chapter 3, who has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine for the 3 years preceding appointment to the board; and</p> <p>1 member of the general public who is not a physician or a physical therapist.</p>	<p>910 Physical Therapists</p> <p>103 Physical Therapist Assistants</p>	<p>3 year terms. No member may be appointed for more than two consecutive terms.</p>	
Psychologists	6 Members	<p>Each member must have been a resident of Montana for the 3 years preceding appointment to the board.</p> <p>2 members must be licensed psychologists in private practice.</p> <p>1 member must be a licensed psychologist in public health.</p> <p>1 member must be a licensed psychologist engaged in the teaching of psychology.</p> <p>2 members must be from the general public.</p>	<p>236 Psychologists</p>	<p>A member may not serve consecutive 5-year terms but may be reappointed after 5 years following the termination of the previous appointment.</p>	
Private Alternative Adolescent & Outdoor Programs	5 Members	<p>3 members from a list of nominees provided by programs, as defined in 37-48-102, of various sizes and types; and</p> <p>2 members who must be from the general public.</p>	<p>24 Programs</p>	<p>Members shall serve staggered 5-year terms.</p> <p>3-year terms</p>	

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Radiologic Technologists	7 Members	<p>1 member shall be a radiologist licensed to practice medicine in Montana;</p> <p>1 member shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine in Montana who employs at least one person granted a permit issued by the board pursuant to 37-14-306;</p> <p>1 member shall be a person granted a permit issued by the board pursuant to 37-14-306;</p> <p>1 member shall be a public member; and</p> <p>3 members shall be radiologic technologists registered with the American registry of radiologic technologists (ARRT) who, with the exception of the first appointed members, are licensed radiologic technologists.</p> <p>Each member must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of this state.</p>	<p>956 Radiologic Technologists</p> <p>377 Limited Permit Holders</p>	Each member shall serve for a term of 3 years.
Respiratory Care Practitioners	5 Members	<p>3 respiratory care practitioners, each of whom has engaged in the practice of respiratory care for a period of at least 3 years immediately preceding their appointment to the board. At least one of these members must have passed the registry examination for respiratory therapists administered by the national board for respiratory care and at least one of these members must have passed the entry-level examination for respiratory therapy technicians administered by the national board for respiratory care.</p> <p>1 physician licensed in Montana who has a special interest in the treatment of cardiopulmonary diseases; and</p>	492 Respiratory Care Practitioners	4 year terms
Social Workers & Professional Counselors	7 Members	<p>1 member of the public who is not a member of a health care profession.</p> <p>3 members must be licensed social workers, and three must be licensed professional counselors.</p> <p>1 member must be appointed from and represent the general public and may not be engaged in social work.</p>	<p>946 Clinical Professional Counselors</p> <p>507 Clinical Social Worker</p>	4 year terms
Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists	5 Members	<p>The board consists of five members who shall have been residents of this state for at least 1 year immediately preceding their appointment; and have been engaged in rendering services to the public, teaching, or performing research in the field of speech-language pathology or audiology for at least 5 years immediately preceding their appointment.</p> <p>2 members of the board shall be speech-language pathologists and 2 shall be audiologists.</p>	<p>343 Speech-Language Pathologists</p> <p>46 Audiologists</p> <p>14 Speech Pathologists and Audiologists</p>	<p>Appointments shall be for 3-year terms with no person eligible to serve more than two full consecutive terms.</p> <p>Terms begin on the first day of the calendar year and end on the last day of the calendar year.</p>

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		1 public member who is a consumer of speech-language pathology or audiology services and who is not a licensee of the board or of any other board within the department.	177 Speech Pathologists Aide 5 Audiologist Aide	
Veterinary Medicine	6 Members	<p>5 of whom must be licensed veterinarians</p> <p>1 of whom must be a public member who is a consumer of veterinary services and who may not be a licensee of the board or of any other board under the department of labor and industry.</p> <p>Each veterinarian member must be a reputable licensed veterinarian who has graduated from a college authorized by law to confer degrees and have educational standards equal to those approved by the American veterinary medical association. Each veterinarian member shall have actually and legally practiced veterinary medicine in either private practice or public service in this state for at least 5 years immediately before his appointment.</p>	<p>1,027 Veterinarian</p> <p>8 Certified Euthanasia Agencies</p> <p>16 Certified Euthanasia Technicians</p> <p>11 Embryo Transfer Technicians</p>	Each member shall serve for a term of 5 years.